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AND INTERFERENCES Ex parte MASAO NOGUCHI, AKIHIKO NAKASHIMA,  
SHIGERU SHIRAI, MASAAKI KAWAGURI and SATOSHI FURUTA

Application No. 09/894,704

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on December 8, 2003. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below:

An Examiner's Answer was mailed on May 29, 2003 (Paper No. 18). On page 3 of the Answer, the examiner relies upon Japanese Patent No. 10-28656 to Shirai. However, a review of the file reveals that the examiner has not provided a full-text English translation of said Japanese patent.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the examiner to provide a full-text translation of Japanese Patent

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No. 10-28656 to Shirai, and for such further action as may be appropriate.

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